MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

MISSISSIPPI

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

GALLILEE CHURCH, AMITE CO., MISS.,

On the 8th, 9th, and 10th October, 1859.

JACKSON, MISS:
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MINUTES.

GALLILEE CHURCH, October 8, 1859.

The Mississippi Baptist Association met this day with the Gallilee Church, Amite county, Miss.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Z. Reeves; Elder S. S. Relyea, who had been appointed to preach the same, being absent.

After a recess of one hour, the delegates met in the house, and the Association was called to order by Elder Z. Reeves.

Prayer by Elder F. Clark.

Item 1. Elders M. S. Shirk and H. McKnight were appointed Reading Clerks.

Item 2. Letters from the churches called for, and read; the names of delegates enrolled, and the statistics of the churches minuted. (See table.)

Item 3. The Association was then organized by the re-election of Elder Z. Reeves, Moderator; and the election of Elder H. McKnight, Clerk. Brethren S. M. Brian and Stephen Jackson, acting as Tellers.

Item 4. Ministering brethren of our faith and order not members of the Association, were invited to seats.

Item 5. Elders J. P. Johnson and G. Mullins were invited to preach at the stand during the afternoon.

Item 6. The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

On Preaching—Brethren S. M. Brian, D. H. Quin, and Stephen Jackson.

On Revision—Elders M. S. Shirk, S. W. Bullock, and Wm. Green. On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added.

On Finance—Brethren J. W. Felder, G. P. Claughton, and Wm. Gwin.

Item 7. Petitionary letters from churches desiring membership were called for. Whereupon, Brethren W. Seale and J. F. Long, delegates, presented a letter from the Union church, Franklin county, Miss., and Brethren C. L. Oliver and B. G. Freeman, delegates, presented a letter from the Damascus church, Franklin county, Miss.; each petitioning for union with the Association, which letters were read, and upon examination, said churches being found orthodox, were received into membership; the right hand of fellowship extended to their delegates, and they invited to seats.

Item 8. Enrolled the names of the delegates from the Union church and the Damascus church, and minuted the statistics of said churches.

Item 9. Corresponding letters were called for, and read as follows:

From Mississippi River Association—A letter and package of minutes by the hands of her messengers, Elder E. H. Hamlin, and Brethren J. R. Jackson and Isaac Jackson.

From Ebenezer Association—A letter and package of minutes by the hands of her messenger, Elder J. P. Johnson.

From Pearl River Association—On motion, Elder N. Robinson was received as a messenger, he stating that the letter of correspondence was in the hands of his co-messenger, who had failed to attend.

The Moderator extended to said messengers the hand of fellowship, and invited them to seats.

Item 10. The Committee on Preaching reported as follows: Prayer-meeting at 9 o'clock, Sunday morning. Elder W. Green to preach at 10 o'clock. Elder N. Robinson to preach at 11 o'clock, and Elder W. M. Stambaugh to preach at 2 o'clock on same day.

Item 11. On motion, it was

Resolved, That a public collection be taken on Sabbath at the close of Elder N. Robinson's sermon, for missionary purposes; and upon motion, Brethren G. P. Claughton, W. F. Cain, and S. E. McDonald, were appointed to take up said collection.

Item 12. Elder G. Mullins was received as a messenger from the Eastern Louisiana Association, he presenting a minute showing his appointment as such. The hand of fellowship was extended to him, and he invited to a seat.

Item 13. On motion, Elder Z. Reeves, the Moderator, was requested to make a few remarks on Missions at the close of Elder Robinson's sermon on Sabbath, and prior to the public collection for missions, be taken up.

Item 14. The following appointments were made by the Moderator:

To the Mississippi River Association—Elders M. S. Shirk and H. McKnight as messengers. Bro. Shirk to write the letter of correspondence. On motion, Bro. Z. Reeves was also appointed a messenger to said Association.

To the Union Association—Elders M. S. Shirk, W. Green, and C. L. Oliver as messengers; Bro. Shirk to write.

To the Pearl River Association—Elders S. W. Bullock and H. McKnight as messengers; Bro. McKnight to write. On motion, Bro. Z. Reeves was also appointed a messenger to said Association.

To the Ebenezer Association—Elders W. Clark and E. Young as messengers; Bro. Young to write.

To the Eastern La. Association—Elders W. Clark and Elijah Young as messengers; Elder Clark to write the letter.

Item 15. The following Query, viz: "Is it according to gospel order for parents to allow their children under their control,

to participate in dancing?" sent up from New Providence church, was taken up, and upon motion, the same was referred to a committee of three, consisting of Brethren S. M. Brian, G. P. Claughton, and M. S. Shirk, for consideration.

Item 16. On motion of Bro. D. H. Quin, it was

Resolved, That this Association appoint a committee of five members to wait upon, correspond with, and invite Elder J. R. Graves to preach at Summit on Wednesday and Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in November. The Moderator appointed Brethren D. H. Quin, W. F. Cain, S. W. Bullock, M. S. Shirk and H. McKnight said committee.

Item 17. On motion, the Association adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder M. S. Shirk.

EXERCISES ON SABBATH.

The ministers appointed to preach on Sabbath discharged the duties assigned them. The labors from the pulpit were truly able and interesting. The congregation was large and attentive.

At the close of Elder Robinson's sermon, after a few remarks from Elder Z. Reeves, a public collection was taken up for missionary purposes, amounting to $69 70. The services were closed by exhortation and prayer. Many came forward and requested prayer to be made in their behalf.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 1859.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder W. M. Stambaugh.

Item 1. The roll of delegates was called.

Item 2. Report of the Committee of Arrangement and Revision on order of business, received and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Item 3. The Rules of Decorum and Powers of the Association were read by Bro. G. P. Claughton.

Item 4. Leave of absence was granted to Brethren W. Elsbury, Levi Magee and J. W. Pierce.

Item 5. The report of Bro. J. B. Quin, Treasurer of the Missionary and Benevolent Funds, having been examined by the Financial Committee was received, read, and upon motion, adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Item 6. On motion, Bro. J. L. Downs was appointed reading clerk.

Item 7. The Committee of Revision and Arrangement reported on abstracts of the church letters, which was received and adopted. (See Appendix State of Religion.)

Item 8. The report of the Visitors of the Amite Female Seminary received, read and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Item 9. The committee to whom the query from New Providence church, was referred, made a report that the Association answer said query in the negative; which report, upon motion, was *unanimously* adopted.

Item 10. The report of Bro. James A. Jenkins, Treasurer of the Association Fund, having been examined by the Financial Committee, and found correct, was received and adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Item 11. The Report of the Financial Committee on the Missionary and Benevolent Fund in the hands of Bro. J. B. Quin, Treasurer of said Fund, was received and adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Item 12. The Standing Committees appointed at the last session of this Association, to obtain a suitable brother as missionary, to labor within the bounds of this Association, in visiting and preaching in the destitute portions thereof, made a verbal report, that said committee had been unsuccessful in their efforts to engage such a missionary; which report was received, and upon motion, it was

Resolved, That said committee be retained and re-appointed for the ensuing year for the same purpose, with the exception that Bro. J. B. Quin was appointed a member of said committee in the place of Bro. G. P. Claughton, who was excused from serving on said committee at his own request.

Item 13. On motion, a subscription by individual pledges was taken up for the support of a missionary to preach within the bounds of this Association, and especially in the destitute portions thereof, for the ensuing year, payable at the call of the Missionary Committee; which subscription amounted to the sum of $407.

Item 14. The brethren appointed to write letters to corresponding Associations, presented their letters as follows:

To Mississippi River Association—Bro. M. S. Shirk presented his letter.

To Union Association—Bro. M. S. Shirk presented his letter.

To Eastern La. Association—Bro. W. Clark presented his letter.

To Pearl River Association—Bro. H. McKnight presented his letter.

To Ebenezer Association—Bro. E. Young presented his letter; which said letters being read, were adopted.

Item 15. On motion of Bro. J. B. Quin, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors of the Amite Female Seminary, appointed at the last session of this Association, be re-appointed and continued as such, and that Brethren B. F. Dixon and H. McKnight be added to said Board.

Item 16. The following resolutions offered by Bro. W. F. Cain, were received, and upon motion, adopted:

Resolved, That this Association recommend the "Tennessee

Baptist" and the "Mississippi Baptist," as Baptist papers every way worthy of the patronage of the churches comprising this Association, as said papers are contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Resolved, That this Association most cordially endorse the views and doctrines contained in a tract written by Elder J. M. Pendleton, of Tennessee, and known by the name of "Old Landmark Reset."

Item 17. The following resolution, offered by Bro. D. H. Quin, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association be represented by a delegation in the Sabbath School Convention to be held at Canton, Miss., on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in November.

Item 18. On motion, Brethren W. F. Cain, R. E. Bates, S.W. Bullock, D. H. Quin, and C. J. Bates, were appointed delegates to the Sabbath School Convention to be held at Canton, Miss., on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in November, and upon motion, Bro. Z. Reeves was aded to said delegation.

Item 19. On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren, friends, and citizens in the neighborhood of Gallilee church, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates of this Association during the present session.

Item 20. On motion,

Resolved, That the clerk of this Association, aided by Elder M. S. Shirk, make in the abstracts of the letters from the churches suitable notices of the deceased brethren and sisters of the churches composing this Association, whose deaths have occurred during the past year.

Item 21. On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the Moderator and Clerk for the prompt and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

Item 22. On motion,

Resolved, That Bro. H. McKnight be appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of 1750 copies of the Minutes of this Association, comprising the business of the present session: and that he receive the sum of $20 for his services, and be authorized to call on the Treasurer for the necessary funds.

Item 23. On motion, Friendship church, Pike county, Miss., was appointed as the place of the next meeting of this body.

Item 24. On motion, the Association went into the election of a preacher to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting, which resulted in the election of Elder H. McKnight to preach said sermon, and Elder Wm. Green as his alternate; Bro. J. L. Downs acting as teller.

Item 25. On motion, it was

Resolved. That Elders J. R. Graves and J. T. Freeman be invited to attend the next regular meeting of this Association, and that the committee appointed to invite Elder J. R. Graves to preach at Summit, communicate this invitation to said brethren.

No further business appearing, the Minutes were read and approved, and the Association adjourned to meet with the Friendship Church, Pike County, Mississippi, on Saturday before the second Sabbath in October, 1860.

Prayer by Elder F. Clark.

ZACHARIAH REEVES, Moderator.

H. McKNIGHT, Clerk.

P. S. Friendship Church, Pike county, Miss., the place at which the next meeting of the Association is to be held, is situated about three miles north of Summit, and about two miles from the Jackson Railroad.

Ministers connected with the Mississippi Baptist Association, and their Post Offices:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Zachariah Reeves,	Liberty, Miss.	Wilson Clark...	Summit, Miss.
M. S. Shirk,....	" "	S. W. Bullock,..	" "
H. McKnight,...	" "	F. Clark..,...	Knoxville, "
Wm. Green..	Ft. Adams, "	Wm. Whitney..	Hamburg, "
T. J. Hudson..	Brookhaven, "	C. L. Oliver...	Friendship, "
Jno. A. Wooten.	Meadville, "	Ed. Kingsbury,	Woodville, "
Elihu McKay..	" "	S. S. Relyea,...	Jackson, La.
Elijah Young..	" "	E. M. Tabor,...	" "

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D. Eby,..... Jackson, La.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

JAMES B. QUIN,

Treasurer of Missionary and Benevolent Funds,
In Acc't with Mississippi Baptist Association.

Your Treasurer charges himself as follows for amounts received on account of said funds:

To this amount for Foreign Missions		$71 70
" " " Indian "		59 45
" " " Domestic " in bounds of the Ass'n		96 50
" " " Bible cause		2 00
" " " Education Society	$17 00	
Bal. as per last report for educational purposes.	6 97	23 97
		$253 62
To error in last report		1 00
		$254 62

Your Treasurer prays allowance as follows:

1. By this amount paid Edwin Wortham, on account of Foreign Missions	$71 70
2. By amount paid Wm. Hornbuckle, on account Indian Missions	59 45
3. By amount paid Samuel Thigpen, Treasurer of Educational Society	22 00
	$153 15

Amount charged		$254 62
" allowed		153 15
Balance in hand		$101 47

Of the balance in hand, $96 50 is for Domestic Missions in the bounds of this Association; $2 for Bible Cause; and $2 97 for Education.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. QUIN,
Treas. Miss. & B. Funds.

We, the Committee on Finance, have examined the above account; find the amounts charged, and vouchers for disbursements all correct.

G. P. CLAUGHTON.
J. W. FELDER.
WM. GWIN.

October 10, 1859.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICE.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Dead.	Dismissed.	Whites.	Blacks.	Total.	Ministers.	Copies of Minutes.	Contributions.	Sabbath of Meeting.	PASTOR or SUPPLY
New Providence	W. Jenkins, R. J. Causey	Amite	Liberty	5	..	..	..	2	1	46	41	87	..	40	$5 00	4	M. S. Shirk
Ebenezer	B. F. Dixon, T. J. Andrews	Amite	Rose Hill	1	1	4	..	4	1	86	55	141	..	74	8 50	1&3	" "
East Fork	Z. Reeves, J. W. Felder	Amite	Liberty	2	2	2	1	2	2	69	24	93	1	75	5 00	2	Z. Reeves
Zion Hill	S. O'Neal, J. J. Cain	Amite	Zion Hill	..	1	3	..	..	2	35	10	45	..	35	3 00	3	Z. Reeves, F. Clark
Shiloh	Not Represented	Wilkinson	Holly Retreat	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gallilee	T. M. Mercer, S. Jackson	Amite	Centreville	..	..	1	..	6	10	43	39	82	..	50	5 00	2	M. S. Shirk
Hopewell	D. D. Rollins	Franklin	Meadville	20	2	1	1	..	..	31	19	50	..	40	5 00	1&3	S. Mullins
Mars Hill	W. F. Cain, J. A. Jenkins	Amite	Smithdale	..	5	..	..	1	2	49	3	52	..	50	5 00	3	Z. Reeves
Friendship, Pike co.	S. W. Bullock, W. Clark	Pike	Summit	2	8	..	1	2	76	2	78	3	70	9 30	2	S. W. Bullock
Ramah	Elijah Young	Amite	Smithdale	4	2	2	..	..	1	27	8	35	..	30	3 00	..	J. A. Wooten
Jackson, La.	S. M. Brian	E. Feliciana	Jackson	28	9	1	..	6	..	61	148	209	..	35	3 50	2&4	S S Pelyea, B F Edwards
Mt. Pleasant	W. Young, P. Wallace	Pike	Boguechitto	..	..	1	..	2	8	42	10	53	..	40	5 00	4	S. W. Bullock
Liberty	M. S. Shirk, H. McKnight, C. J. Bates, R. R. Webb																
Mt Zion, Franklin co	R. E. Bates	Amite	Liberty	2	..	1	2	1	4	145	64	210	3	75	10 00	1&2	H. McKnight
Friendship, " "	Not Represented	Franklin	Meadville	8	..	..	1	..	3	100	19	119	..	80	8 00	4	Z. Reeves
Spring Hill	F. Clark, G. P. Claughton	Franklin	Friendship	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Zion, Copiah co	J. W. Pearce, H. A. Davis	Franklin	Knoxville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Boguechitto	J. B. Quin, L. Magee	Copiah	Brookhaven	7	..	7	1	1	26	38	7	45	1	30	3 00	2	F. Clark
Mt. Moriah	W. Gwin, A. Scarborough	Pike	Boguechitto	3	6	3	..	..	..	96	7	103	..	60	8 00	4	T. J. Hudson
Sarepta	W. Mullins, H. Ward	Pike	Boguechitto	8	2	..	..	1	5	106	31	137	..	75	8 00	1	Z. Reeves
Macedonia	W. Elzy	Franklin	Malcolm	4	6	1	1	..	1	56	4	60	..	40	6 00	3	W. Bailey
Percy's Creek	J. B. Hunter, S. E. McDonald	Copiah	Brookhaven	1	4	..	..	..	9	25	11	36	..	30	5 00	3	W. East
St. Helena, La.	E. J. S. Bates, L. L. Lea	Wilkinson	P. Creek	..	1	4	..	2	..	49	7	56	2	25	3 00	1	W. East
		St. Helena	Darlington	41	4	..	1	1	..	65	60	125	..	50	5 00	2&4	W. Green
				2	..	..	2	2	..	17	12	29	..	20	6 00	2	H. McKnight
Woodville Bethel	Not Represented	Wilkinson	Woodville	..	..	1	..	2	4	27	33	60	..	40	4 00	2&4	S. S. Pelyea
Shady Grove	B. McCullock, J. Reeves	Pike	Summit	24	1	..	..	..	..	52	1	53	..	30	5 00	3	S. W. Bullock
Fort Adams	J. L. Downs, B. F. Miles, W. Green	Wilkinson	Fort Adams	45	11	..	1	1	1	94	65	159	2	70	5 00	1&3	W. Green

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APPENDIX B.

Report of the Committee of Revision and Arrangement on Order of Business.

Your Committee would report the following Order of Business:

1st. Call the roll.
2d. Read the Rules of Decorum and Powers of the Association.
3d. Call for Reports.
4th. Call for abstracts of church letters.
5th. Call for corresponding letters.
6th. Motions and resolutions.
7th. Appointments.
8th. Election of preacher of next introductory sermon.
9th. Adjournment.

M. S. SHIRK,
S. W. BULLOCK,
WM. GREEN,
Z. REEVES,
H. McKNIGHT,
} Committee.

APPENDIX C.

Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the Amite Female Seminary.

The close of another scholastic year of the Amite Female Seminary makes it our duty, as the Board of Visitors, to report the progress of said Seminary, at the head of which Rev. M. S. Shirk is Principal. We have during the said year made visits to said school at different times, and have noticed with care the recitations and general conduct of the several departments, and are now prepared to report to this body, that said Institution has not only well sustained the high reputation to which it had attained at our last report, but made an improvement quite beyond expected results.

We would further state that the past year should be regarded as one of lively interest in the history of the school, from the consideration that the practical working of some important changes

in the regulations of its internal affairs and government, have been fully, and we believe happily tested. For instance, the adoption of a uniform dress among the young ladies, we look upon as an improvement worthy of the highest praise. It brings all the pupils to an equality and social and easy relationship with each other. One cannot excel another only by superior attainments in the studies they pursue; it greatly diminishes the current expenses of the sessions, and it inculcates principles of economy.

Another regulation of said Seminary, applicable chiefly to persons patronizing said school from a distance too great to send their daughters from home, to board them with the Principal of said school, we also regard as a wise feature in the system, and though we do not recommend it as an inflexible rule, yet we advise all who desire to send their daughters and wards to this school, to board them in the Institution, assured as we are that the full advantages of said Seminary can only be had by adopting this rule.

The examination, July 5th and 7th, gives evidence of an improvement and real progress in an understanding of the various branches taught, which should reflect credit both on the corps of teachers employed, and the young ladies who have been the recipients of their instructions.

The newly added department of Callesthenics, the employment of a governess of the young ladies, are certainly not unimportant improvements; the lady employed for these delicate trusts being one of a highly cultivated mind, polished manners, and acquainted with the etiquette of the refined.

This school is supported by a liberal and enlightened public, and freed from all sectarian bias, which render some institutions of learning very objectionable.

As a further mark of the prosperity of this Seminary, we take pleasure in reporting that since our last report, the young ladies of this Institution have organized a Library Society, and have collected together about one hundred and ninety volumes, mainly of the young ladies' own contributions. This we remark as a work, that in its future progress will effect the most beneficial and happy results, and by way of giving encouragement to this enterprise, we earnestly solicit from the friends of literature, the contribution of suitable books as donations to said library.

While to us as a Board of Visitors, it is gratifying to report the progress of religious instruction on the Sabbath, yet we grieve that the Institution is without a Sunday School Library. Therefore, as a Board, and as individuals, we would recommend to the friends of Sunday schools to present the Institution with a Sunday School Library to be procured by voluntary subscription.

Believing that this Seminary of learning will favorably compare with any other school within the limits of our own State, we take pleasure in recommending it to the continued patronage

of the public, from whom it has received, and is now receiving a liberal support, flattering encouragement, and most responsible endorsement.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. WEBB,
LEVI PERKINS, } Committee.

APPENDIX D.

Report of the Treasurer.

JAMES A. JENKINS, TREASURER,

In account with Mississippi Baptist Association.

To balance on hand as per last report	$106 38
To amount contribution from the churches	144 80
	$251 18

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By cash paid E. Young, messenger	$30 00
" " " J. A. Wooten, "	12 00
" " " W. Clark, "	24 00
" " " S. W. Bullock, "	10 00
" " for printing these minutes	95 00
" " for superintending and distributing the same	20 00
" " paid postage on minutes, 1858	9 35
	$200 35
Amount charged	$251 18
" allowed	200 35
Balance in hand	$ 50 83

JAS. A. JENKINS, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned Committee on Finance, have examined the above account, and find the same correct.

G. P. CLAUGHTON,
J. W. FELDER,
WM. GWIN, } Committee.

October 10, 1859.

APPENDIX E.

Report of the Financial Committee on Missionary and Benevolent Funds,

In hands of Bro. J. B. Quin, Treasurer of said Funds, received October session, 1859, of the Mississippi Baptist Association.

NEW PROVIDENCE CHURCH.

Foreign	Missions		$10 00	
Home	"		10 00—	$20 00

EBENEZER CHURCH.

"	"			27 50

ZION HILL CHURCH.

Indian	"			5 35

GALLILEE CHURCH.

Home	"			10 50

HOPEWELL CHURCH.

"	"			16 10

MARS HILL CHURCH.

Indian	"		$5 00	
Home	"		2 00—	7 00

FRIENDSHIP CONGREGATION.

Foreign	"		$5 50	
Indian	"		3 50	
Home	"		1 50—	10 50

JACKSON CHURCH.

African	"		5 00	
Foreign	"		6 00	
Indian	"		50	
Home	"		13 50—	25 00

LIBERTY CHURCH.

Home	Missions			35 75

SPRING HILL CHURCH.

"	"			5 00

BOGUECHITTO CHURCH.

Foreign	"		$25 50	
Indian	"		24 00—	49 50

HIRAM WARD, SAREPTA.

Home	"			1 00

PERCY'S CREEK CHURCH.

Home	"			25 00

SHADY GROVE CHURCH.

Indian	"			10 00

D. H. QUIN.

Home	"			5 00

FORT ADAMS CHURCH.

Marion	Board		$20 35	
African	Missions		2 20—	22 55

COLD SPRING CHURCH.

Home Missions		5 00

PIONEER CHURCH.

" "		5 00

UNION CHURCH.

" "		6 50

PUBLIC COLLECTION ON SABBATH.

Foreign	"	$10 80	
Indian	"	39 95	
Home	"	38 95	89 70
			$381 95

RECAPITULATION.

African Mission	$ 7 20
Foreign Mission	57 80
Indian Mission	88 30
Home Missions in bounds of the Association	208 30
Domestic Missions, Marion Board	20 35
Total	$391 95

Respectfully submitted,

G. P. CLAUGHTON,
WM. GWIN,
J. W. FELDER,
} Committee.

State of Religion.

ABSTRACTS OF CHURCH LETTERS.

New Providence Church—Enjoys the stated labors of Elder M. S. Shirk, on the 4th Sabbath and Saturday before in each month. Peace and harmony prevail among its members, but no special interest on the subject of religion.

This church has been called to mourn the loss of several of its old and valued members, and makes mention in its letter particularly of the decease of Bro. W. Hazlewood and Sister Margaret Toler, two of its old and most prominent members.

Ebenezer Church—Has been compelled to the painful duty of cutting off several members from its fellowship, while but one has been added by baptism. Still they are not discouraged, but confiding in the promises of Jehovah, enduring as seeing Him who is invisible overruling and sanctifying to the purity of his church. They are supplied regularly with the preached gospel by Elder M. S. Shirk, on the 1st and 3d Lord's days in each month. This church has lost from its membership by death, two dearly beloved sisters—Sister Allethea Dixon and Sister Mary Ann Andrews.

East Fork Church — Is in peace and harmony among its members. Has received but two by baptism during the past Associational year. Its days of meeting are the 2d Sabbath and day before in each month. Bro. Z. Reeves is the pastor. Has lost two aged members, Bro. Ambrose Smith and his wife, by death.

Galilee Church — Has to its pastorate, Bro. M. S. Shirk, whose labors are blessed to the edification and building up of the church in the faith of Christ. It reports few additions by baptism, but enjoys peace and christian good will among its members. Has lost by death five beloved and highly esteemed members, viz: Bro. A. B. Dixon, and Sisters — Johns, Parmelia Ratcliff, Mary McLain, Harriet Scott, and Virginia Tatum.

Hopewell Church — Reports a precious revival of religion, resulting in the addition of twenty members by baptism, and a continued encouraging prospect. Its meetings occur on the 3d Sabbath and day before in each month. Bro. Seth Mullins is their pastor.

Zion Hill Church — Reports no baptism during the past year. Enjoys the labors of Brethren Z. Reeves and F. Clark, each once a month.

Mars Hill Church — Bro. Z. Reeves is pastor. No special awakenings, though some additions have been made by baptism, and prospects are encouraging.

Friendship Church, Pike Co. — A great interest is manifested on the subject of religion; and they are looking forward in confidence of a work of grace; Bro. S. W. Bullock is their pastor.

Spring Hill Church — Reports as its pastor Bro. F. Clark. Has dismissed a number of its members to form a new church, which diminishing its membership, has also affected the zeal of the church.

Ramah Church — Bro. John A. Wooten is their pastor. They have received four members by baptism. Fellowship and general harmony prevail.

Jackson Church — Reports 28 baptisms. During the past year their pastor, Elder T. Adams, has been removed by death.

Liberty Church — Has also been deprived of its pastor, Rev. T. Adams, since when Bro. H. McKnight has been called to the pastorship. Congregations are large, though nothing of special interest reported. Preaching twice a month, on the 1st and 2d Sabbath.

Mt. Pleasant Church — Is in a lukewarm state, and asks the prayers of brethren in their behalf. Has lost one member by death, viz: Stephen Allbrittan.

Mt. Zion Church, Franklin Co. — Reports accessions by baptism, and the church in a prosperous condition. Bro. Z. Reeves is their pastor.

Mt. Zion Church, Copiah Co. — Bro. T. J. Hudson is their pastor. Peace and harmony exists among its members.

Bogue Chitto Church — Mourns the death of one of its promi-

nent members, Bro. H. Turnipseed. It has received some additions by baptism and letter. D. approves of the reading of sermons, and prefers extempore preaching. Bro. Z. Reeves is their pastor.

Mt. Moriah Church — The cause of Christ is prospering with this church. They have received several additions by baptism. Bro. W. Bailey is their pastor.

Sarepta Church — Is in a cold condition, but has no difficulties touching fellowship. They ask the prayers of Christians. They are supplied by Bro. W. East as pastor.

Macedonia Church — Has nothing of interest to communicate. They too mourn the loss of valued members. Hope the day is not distant when God will visit them by his spirit. Bro. East is pastor.

Percy's Creek Church — Reports an unusual degree of religious interest. Forty-one members have been recently received by baptism. They enjoy the labors of Elder W. Green.

St. Helena Church — Enjoys peace among its members. Is favored with the labors of Elder H. McKnight. Longs for a visitation from on High.

Bethel Church, Woodville — Is without a pastor, but is supplied with monthly preaching by Bro. S. S. Relyea. Its congregations are small, church harmonious. Has lost two members: Sisters Mary Thomas and Mary Frazer.

Shady Grove Church — Rejoices in the outpouring of the Spirit. Twenty-four have been added by baptism, and others awaiting to follow Christ in the ordinance of baptism. Bro. S. W. Bullock is their pastor.

Fort Adams Church — Also reports an extensive work of grace; and the addition of fifty-six member . They thank God and take courage. Bro. W. Green serves them in the ministry.

Holmesville Church — Has recently enjoyed a visitation from on High. Five have been added by baptism. They are now without a pastor.

Cold Springs Church — Resolves to stand firm, though tried and enfeebled by difficulties. Bro. F. Clark is their pastor.

Pioneer Church — Enjoys peace and harmony, though surrounded by difficulties. Bro. F. Clark is their pastor, and has baptized one during the year.

Union Church — Was received into the fellowship of this Association during the present session. Its prospects are flattering. Bro. F. Clark is its pastor.

Damascus Church — This church was also admitted at the present sitting, having been recently constituted with twenty members.

On the Doctrine
Romans & his followers
lay down 5 important
Doctrines which a
man proves his belief
& discovery of Christ —
Matt 16:16. Acts — If thou
believest &c
1 Doct is the putting on of
Christ Gal 3:25, 27.
2 Doct is the symbol of a
burial of sin & of the death
the dead ought to be buried
so those who have died to
3 Doct is the form of doctrine
delivered by the Lord
Rom 6:17. 2 Tim.
5 Doct is the wedding gar-
ment — the great thing made
and heard
6 Doct is for the remission
Acts 2:38. 22:16.
7 Doct is a witness — Three